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Wednesday September 6, 2017

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Southwestern Community College

By John Hubsch

Our own Gary Dills introduced today's program speaker, Don Tomas, President of Southwestern Community College(SCC). It was announced at this time that the Rotary Club of Franklin was donating \$ 5,000 to the SCC Foundation. SCC serves Jackson, Macon and Swain counties and has a branch campus in each of these.

Tomas thanked the club for it's generous donation. He is in his 7th year as President and he stated that SCC is one of the top ten community college in the country. Tomas noted that SCC has on-going partnerships here in Macon County with the School Board and TekTone. Also, SCC has recently opened a food service location at it's Jackson County site and is working with Macon County officials to begin construction on a new Fire Rescue training facility.

Tomas added that SCC was the only community college in the nation to receive a NASA grant in order to study up close the recent tal solar eclipse. The goal of the SCC Foundation is to establish an endowment fund of \$ 1 million dollars , which they expect to achieve very soon. Last year alone the foundation gave out \$100,000 in scholarships to 69 students.

Charles Wolfe from the Rotary Club of Sylva spoke next about the foundation. He is the Chairman of the SCC Student Success Campaign and he spoke briefly about how the foundation received a \$300,000 grant from the federal government, which the foundation had to match. He stated that the most important goal of any community is to provide educational opportunities for it's people.

Brett Woods, Director of SCC Foundation, was the final speaker and he advised that 90% of SCC graduates remain in our local area to work. On September 16, the foundation will be holding their annual Bluegrass Blue Jeans and Bling gala at Harrahs Casino in Cherokee and everyone is invited to attend.



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New Member Introduction

Ashlie's

Announcements

- ◇ September 11th—Board Meeting at LH
- ◇ September 7th-BREW Meeting at 5:30 at Cu-rahee Brewery

Nick gave us more information about himself and his journey to Rotary. We are so pleased to have you join us

Nick, and thank you for your story!

Volunteer Opportunity

It's Time to Pack Those Backpacks!!!

Franklin Rotary will pack backpacks for CareNET the last Monday of every month from 4-6pm. That would mean we are scheduled for the following dates:

-Monday, September 25th

-Monday, October 30th

-Monday, November 27th

-Monday, December 18th **the last Monday of Dec. is the 25th so we will schedule Dec. for the 18th

WNCC Anniversary Earnings for CART

-Sam Blasingame let us know that we sold \$100 worth of hotdogs at the anniversary celebration

-We also received \$31.60 from the CART Blue Bucket collection!

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Fred's Funnies

When to Appropriately say
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Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



**September 7—BREW Meeting
Curahee 530p**

**September 11—Bd Meeting at
Lazy Hiker 530p**

**September 13—Sandra
McMahan w/ *I Write my Story***

**September 25— CareNet Back-
pack Packing Event**

50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Meeting next Week

**Sandra McMahan
with *I Write my Story***



No One
Won
50/50—
Maybe
Next Week!